



# TIB Topics

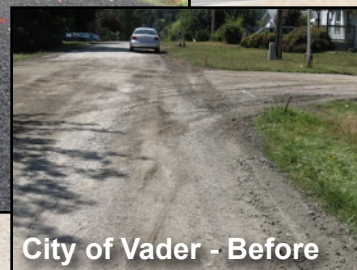
## *TIB Tests Cold In-Place Recycling*

TIB conducted a test maintenance project using cold in-place recycling in a partnership with Lewis County and the town of Vader.

The technique calls for milling existing surface and base materials, augmenting with cement, and topping off with chip seals. The project produced very good results at a reasonable price in Vader. TIB plans to implement a larger cold in-place recycling project in Mattawa this summer.



City of Vader - After



City of Vader - Before

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## *TIB Performance Management Dashboard Goes National*

TIB Executive Director, Steve Gorcester, spoke at several national conferences in 2007. He presented at the national conference of the Government Finance Officers Association and spoke at Rutgers University among other places. Government Finance Review published an article in its October 2007 issue and Governing.com reported on TIB in its weblog.

The state Director of Performance Audits stated that TIB had the best implementation of performance management in Washington State government. TIB staff is proud of our performance management program and the resulting dramatic improvements achieved in financial condition and legislative support.

To read the article published in Government Finance Review, [click here](#).

## Red Towns Initiative

TIB staff completed pavement ratings for 1,600 miles of small city streets and developed a visual display of pavement condition ratings for the 174 towns served by the Small City Preservation Program (see Small City Street Maintenance map – Figure 1). Nine towns emerged from the data collection effort as having the worst pavement condition in the state.

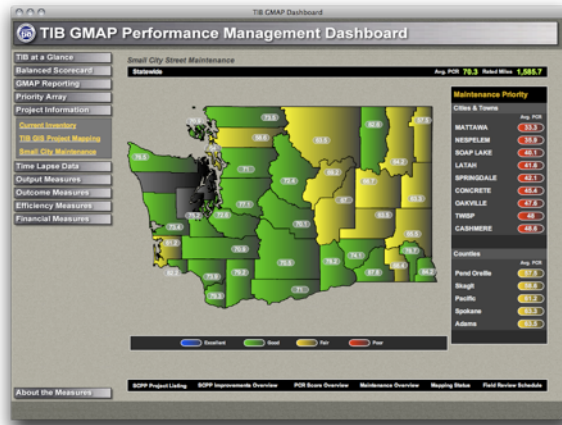


Figure 1. – Small City Street Maintenance Map

The Board targeted funding to seven of the nine towns in its 2008 grant program (see Mattawa Pavement Condition map – Figure 2).

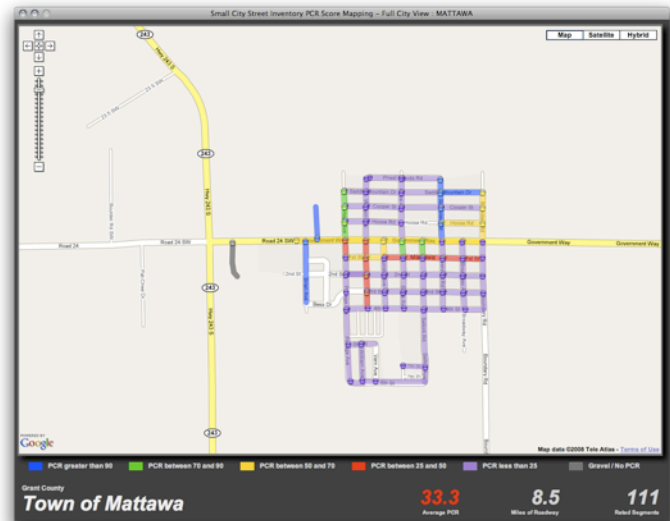


Figure 2. – Mattawa Pavement Condition Map

We plan to bring all nine towns up to the statewide average for pavement condition within three years.

## Sustainability Initiative Taking Shape

TIB continues to develop criteria for urban programs to encourage energy and environmental improvements to grant projects. Sustainability criteria will fall into four categories:

- ▶ Modal measures, such as HOV and non-motorized facilities
- ▶ Energy measures, such as LED conversion and local clean power generation
- ▶ Environmental measures, such as low impact storm water management,
- ▶ Recycling measures, such as re-use of existing street materials and use of recycled content in street furniture

Subject to Board approval, sustainability criteria will be part of the project selection process for 2008 grants. If funding can be found, TIB also plans to offer a modest sustainability grant program for LED conversion, environmental retrofit, and emerging technology. The poor revenue outlook due to high fuel prices may delay direct grants.



Example of LED Traffic Signal

For more information and to comment on the proposed sustainability criteria, [click here](#).



## Legislative Report

### RJT Transfer Requests

Senate Bill 6321 and House Bill 2502 reassign the responsibility for reviewing route jurisdiction transfer requests from TIB to the Transportation Commission.

Route jurisdiction transfers are exchanges of local roads into a state highway, or an existing state highway becoming a local road.

Either WSDOT or local governments may request a transfer.

Currently, TIB evaluates the request against WAC criteria and makes a recommendation to the Legislature.

With the passage of SB 6321 or

HB 2502, the Transportation Commission would take over evaluating route transfers in 2008.

### Budget Reductions

Like all state transportation agencies, TIB is seeing budget reductions again this year due to high gas prices driving lower revenue.

Substitute House Bill 2878 adopts the supplemental budget.

Lower revenue translates to fewer TIB projects selected each year.

TIB urban corridor projects have already dropped from about 20 to 10 per year.

## 2008 TIB Meeting Schedule

### January 24th-25th, 2008

Seattle

### March 27th-28th, 2008

Ellensburg

### May 29th-30th, 2008

Pullman

### July 24th-25th, 2008

Mount Vernon

### September 25th-26th, 2008

Chelan

### November 20th-21st, 2008

Vancouver

## WAC Revision

A minor change is being made to WAC 479-05-040, value engineering study requirements (see below). It is being amended to explain the process and effect of value engineering study recommendations.

Written comments may be submitted to

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**WAC 479-05-040, value engineering study requirements.** A value engineering study is required for urban projects with total cost exceeding two and one-half million dollars or when determined by the executive director to be in the best interest of the project.

The value engineering study requirement is completed when the local agency submits the recommendation report to TIB. TIB may consider what recommendations are accepted or rejected when evaluating any funding increase or scope change request.

## Recent TIB Events

City Of Maple Valley  
Maple Valley Highway (SR 169)



City Of Covington  
SE 256th Street



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